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# Gerald Mayer, O.S.S. Aide, Dies

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Gerald M. Mayer, a retired business executive who was decorated in World War II for an important role in the intelligence services of the Allied forces, died Friday at the Greenwich (Conn.) Hospital. Mr. Mayer, a resident of Gstaad, Switzerland, was 74 years old.

From about 1955 until 1960, he was commercial attaché for the State Department in Paris. Before that he was director of international operations of the Motion Picture Association.

Fluent in several languages, Mr. Mayer worked for the National Broadcasting Company before World War II translating, among other documents, the speeches of Hitler. He later worked in the United States Office of War Information.

He was a civilian employee with the Office of Strategic Services during World War II. As an assistant to Allen W. Dulles, its director, Mr. Mayer worked in intelligence services, helping to pene-

trate German and Japanese communications.

After the war he received the Medal of Freedom and was named Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor.

Mr. Mayer was born of American parents in Berlin. He was the grandson of Gen. William Mayer, a founder of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company of Brooklyn, who later became head of the company's German-based subsidiary.

Mr. Mayer attended schools in Switzerland and the United States, and was graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1924. He also attended Harvard Law School.

At the time of his death, he was a member of the Committee on the Present Danger, a group in the Council on Foreign Relations concerned with the strategic arms limitation agreements.

Mr. Mayer is survived by his wife, the former Marie A. Kaufmann; a son, Gerald Jr., and four grandchildren.